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# AROUND THE WORLD EXERCISES

**M**ARINES OPERATE UNDER the maxim, "The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in war." And Marines have sweated in just about every corner of the globe. Operating in foreign environs enhances Marines combat readiness and ability to react in any situation.

These exercises in foreign lands do more than just provide better training opportunities for Marines though. Many of the exercises are conducted with other U.S. Armed Forces and host nation's forces. They improve Marines' combined and joint interoperability. In many exercises, this type of combined training also better U.S. relations with host nations by strengthening ties between the United States and its allies.

These are just a few of the numerous training exercises in which Marines participated this year and last:

Exercise Jungle Shield in Guam • Exercise Tartan Eagle in the United Kingdom • UNITAS 45-04 in Peru • Exercise Sea Saber 2004 in the Arabian Sea • Clean Hunter 2004 in Denmark • Baltic Operations 2004 in Poland • Operation Maple Flag in Canada • Exercise Khaan Quest '04 in Mongolia • Cobra Gold '04 in Thailand • New Horizons in Guatemala • Combined Endeavor 2004 in Bulgaria • Exercise Foal Eagle in Korea • Exercise Freedom-Banner in the Republic of Korea • Exercise Tradewinds 2004 in the Dominican Republic • Exercise Edged Mallet in Kenya • Exercise Balikatan 2004 in the Republic of the Philippines • Crocodile Exercise 2003 in Australia • Ulchi Focus Lens in the Republic of Korea • Exercise Talon Vision in the Republic of

the Philippines • Exercise Southern Frontier in Australia • Exercise Cope Tiger in Thailand • Dutch Bilat I in Netherlands Antilles • Exercise Cope North in Guam • West Africa Training Cruise 2004 throughout West Africa • Exercise Forest Light in Japan • Courageous Bat 03 in Denmark • Exercise Tafakula 03 in the Kingdom of

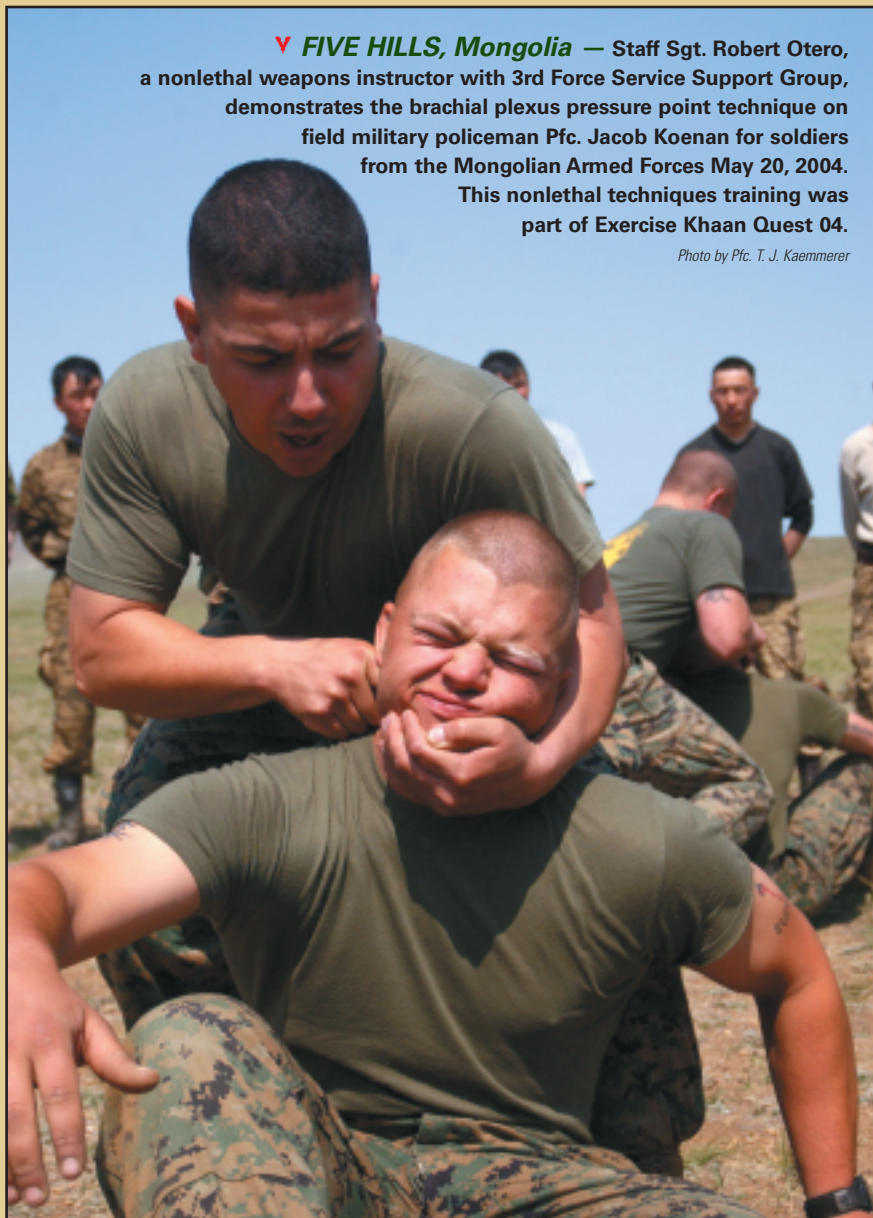
Tonga • Exercise Commando Sling in Singapore • Exercise Sumo Tiger 2003 in Bangladesh • Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training in Southeast Asia. **MI**

## ▼ Sept. 23, 2003

1st Bn., 7th Marines, transfers authority to the Plus Ultra Spanish Brigade in An Najaf, Iraq, in preparation for its return to Twentynine Palms, Calif. The unit is the last Marine Corps battalion in southern Iraq.

▼ **FIVE HILLS, Mongolia** — Staff Sgt. Robert Otero, a nonlethal weapons instructor with 3rd Force Service Support Group, demonstrates the brachial plexus pressure point technique on field military policeman Pfc. Jacob Koenan for soldiers from the Mongolian Armed Forces May 20, 2004. This nonlethal techniques training was part of Exercise Khaan Quest 04.

Photo by Pfc. T. J. Kaemmerer



## ▲ Sept. 21, 2003

After traveling almost three billion miles and spending 14-years on the job, the U.S. spacecraft Galileo ends its mission by plunging into the atmosphere of Jupiter.

## ▲ Sept. 20, 2003

Marines with B and C Cos., 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn., Bn. Landing Team 1/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, polish their combat skills in training sites across Singapore.

## ▲ Sept. 30, 2003

The United States begins pulling peacekeeping troops out of Liberia.

## ▼ Oct. 1, 2003

Combat Service Support Group 11, the last remaining element of 1st Force Service Support Group that participated in the liberation of the Iraqi people, prepares to return to the United States.

## ▼ Oct. 1, 2003

Gordon R. England is sworn in as the 73rd secretary of the Navy, becoming only the second person in history to serve twice as the leader of the Navy-Marine Corps team and the first to serve in back-to-back terms.



▼ **GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba** — Lance Cpl. Esteban Campos, assigned to 7th Plt., 1st Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team, drags a full ammunition box through the surf during a Tarawa Day landing reenactment June 23, 2004.

The exercise had Marines and sailors perform tasks similar to those carried out during the Marine assault of the Tarawa Atolls Nov. 20, 1943, during the Pacific Campaign of World War II.

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Terry W. Matlock



## Marine Profile: Sgt. K. L. Cairns

► **CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** — Sgt. K. L. Cairns is on his first deployment to Iraq. The 23-year-old native of Foley, Minn., is a topographic specialist with Combat Service Support Battalion 1. His battalion provided support to Regimental Combat Team 1 during Operation Vigilant Resolve to re-establish order in Fallujah and to account for the March 31 murders of four U.S. citizens who were dragged through the streets and mutilated. The battalion is with 1st Force Service Support Group, based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

